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6 IN THE MATTER OF DIVERSIFIED WATER
UTILITIES, INC. TO EXPAND ITS
7 CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO INCLUDE ALL OF SECTIONS
8 13, 14, 15, 23 AND THAT PORTION OF
SECTION 16 EAST OF RAILROAD TRACKS
9 ALL IN T3S, R83, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. WS-02987A-04-0869

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JOHNSON UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

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Arizona Corporation Commission Staff ("Staff") requests consolidation of Docket Nos. W-02859A-04-0844 and WS-02987A-04-0869 for the following reasons:

Both Johnson Utilities Company, L.L.C. ("Johnson") and Diversified Water Utilities, Inc. ("Diversified") are requesting extensions of their respective certificates of convenience and necessity ("CC&Ns") to the same territory, namely Sections 13 and 23 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East in Pinal County, Arizona (Diversified has also applied for an extension of its CC&N to other sections in the same township that are not being sought by Johnson). Diversified has been granted intervention in Docket No. W-02987A-04-0869, but its own application for a CC&N has not currently been declared sufficient by S taff. Even so, while Diversified would have a full and fair opportunity to dispute the approval of Johnson's application for its CC&N extension, regardless of whether the cases are consolidated, Staff believes consolidating the two dockets would be administratively efficient. This is because Diversified will likely be arguing the same issue – that it is the more fit and proper entity rather than Johnson to serve the area in dispute. Since both cases involve this basic issue – which entity, if any, should be granted the extension as being in the public interest – Staff believes the cases can and should be consolidated under A.A.C. R14-3-109(H).

1	Furthermore, Staff believes that a procedural conference for both cases should be convened to
2	determine, among other things, whether there should be any changes to the procedural schedule.
3	Currently, the date for filing the Staff report in Docket No. WS-02987A-04-0869 is March 11, 2005,
4	with the hearing scheduled for April 18, 2005. No procedural schedule has been set in Docket No.
5	W-02859A-04-0844 as of February 25, 2005.
6	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on the 25th day of February, 2005
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